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1 — Arkansas wastewater permits expire, but facilities continue to operate, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 5/29/18

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2018/may/29/wastewater-permits-expire-but-not-flow-/>

Dozens of wastewater discharge permits have expired, but permittees have been allowed to continue operating under administrative holds placed on them by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.

2 — Scottsville residents speak out on decades-old water issues, Marshall (TX) News Messenger, 5/27/18

https://www.marshallnewsmessenger.com/news/scottsville-residents-speak-out-on-decades-old-water-issues/article_ef851cc6-611b-11e8-b180-bf2dc8ebe27d.html

"Pure disgusting, yuck, gross and nasty" are the more delicate descriptions that customers on the Scottsville Water Distribution system have described the muddy-colored water that had been running out of their faucets for the last month.

3 — EPA suggests \$19.4M plan to cleanup cancer-causing poison from Donna lake, McAllen (TX) Monitor, 5/26/18

http://www.themonitor.com/news/local/article_fa1b026c-6117-11e8-8281-7783ee0e733e.html

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency this month released a 45-page plan detailing a potential fix to the decades-old health hazard prevalent in fish at the Donna Lake. A 1,600-foot-long siphon built in 1926, which facilitates the movement of water underneath the Arroyo Colorado, may contain cancer-causing chemicals called polychlorinated biphenyls which have been found in fish in the lake, according to the document released this month by the EPA.

4 — Shelter-in-place order lifted after massive Houston warehouse fire, KPRC, 5/28/18

<https://www.click2houston.com/news/smoke-rises-from-large-fire-in-southern-houston>

A shelter-in-place order that was issued Monday for people within a 1-mile radius of a massive fire at a warehouse in southern Houston has been lifted.

5 — U.S. grants to aid local projects go to two cities, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 5/27/18

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2018/may/27/u-s-grants-to-aid-local-projects-go-to-/>

President Donald Trump's administration has announced 16 communities across the nation that will receive planning grants and two of them are in eastern Arkansas.

6 — What if the Ouachita River dried up?, Monroe (LA) News Star, 5/28/18

<https://www.thenewsstar.com/story/news/local/2018/05/28/what-if-ouachita-river-dried-up/642501002/>

Before 1919, the Ouachita River at Monroe would be about 3 feet deep in the middle of the summer. Cows could walk between Monroe and West Monroe at Lazzarre Point.

7 — City to be used as example for environmental quality, KAIT, 5/25/18

<http://www.kait8.com/story/38281404/city-to-be-used-as-example-for-environmental-quality>

The mayor of one area community has been invited to a state environmental quality forum to act as an example.

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality will be making a presentation at the EPA Region 6 Environmental Justice Forum about eliminating asbestos from houses.

8 — With new massive pumps online, New Orleans levee system faces 2018 hurricane season, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 5/27/18

https://www.nola.com/expo/errry-2018/05/df6c9a722a7295/new_orleans_area_levees_under.html#incart_river_index

It's been nearly 13 years since floodwall failures in two of the three New Orleans outfall canals unleashed a deadly flood across Lakeview, Gentilly, Mid-City and other parts of the city during Hurricane Katrina. In the aftermath, temporary pumps and barriers were placed in each canal at Lake Pontchartrain, while work on permanent pump stations dragged on for years.

9 — Environmentalists say regulatory delays at New Mexico power plant put the public's health at risk, Salt Lake Tribune, 5/24/18

<https://www.sltrib.com/news/nation-world/2018/05/25/environmentalists-say-regulatory-delays-at-new-mexico-power-plant-put-the-publics-health-at-risk/>

Environmental groups are accusing U.S. regulators of violating clean water rules by repeatedly delaying action on a discharge permit for a coal-fired power plant that provides electricity for customers in three Western states.

10 — Amid Permian ramp up, U.N. cautions against fracking getting too big, too fast, Dallas Morning News, 5/29/18

<https://www.dallasnews.com/business/energy/2018/05/29/amid-permian-ramp-un-cautions-fracking-getting-big-fast>

A new United Nations report cautioned nations and companies about embracing the fast-growing energy trend of hydraulic fracturing, better known as fracking, without considering the environmental risks involved.

11 — Who else wasn't at the EPA chemical meeting? The victims, CNN, 5/26/18

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/05/26/politics/epa-chemical-water-conference-victims/index.html>

Journalists weren't the only ones shut out from the Environmental Protection Agency's conference this week on chemically contaminated drinking water. Many victims of water polluted by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances were also left out, and are struggling to get clear answers about the dangers to their communities.

12 — Ex-LyondellBasell Counsel to Lead Superfund Push at EPA, BNA, 5/25/18

<https://www.bna.com/exlyondellbasell-counsel-lead-n57982092904/>

The EPA has named a former chemical company lawyer to head the group in charge of accelerating contaminated site cleanups around the U.S.

13 — Delayed seismic testing decision pits energy industry against Trump administration, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 5/27/18

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2018/05/delayed_seismic_testing_decisi.html#incart_river_index

The Trump administration's long-awaited decision on whether to allow seismic testing for oil and gas beneath the Atlantic Ocean is causing heartburn for the energy industry, which eagerly awaits the fulfillment of President Donald Trump's push to allow offshore drilling in U.S. coastal waters.

14 — America's quiet epidemic of tick-borne diseases, Harvard Health, 5/25/18

<https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/ticked-off-americas-quiet-epidemic-of-tickborne-diseases-2018052513894>

For most of us, springtime marks the return of life to a dreary landscape, bringing birdsong, trees in bud, and daffodils in bloom. But if you work for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the coming of spring means the return of nasty diseases spread by ticks and mosquitoes.